GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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Membership of CERN
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a)whether India has initiated the process of acquiring the associate membership of the Centre for European Nuclear Research (CERN), the largest particle physics laboratory;

(b)if so, the details thereof;

(c)whether the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has given its nod to acquire the membership;

(d)if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the membership; and

(e)the annual contribution of India to CERN and the advantages/benefits obtained in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (Dr. JITENDRA SINGH) :

(a)Yes, Sir.

(b)to(d) A proposal for India becoming Associate Member of the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) has been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Security on 25.03.2015. Upon approval of the Government, the CERN, Geneva has been intimated that India has completed its internal processes regarding its application for Associate Membership of CERN so as to facilitate completion of further procedural aspects.

(e)The annual contribution of India as Associate Member of CERN is estimated at Rs.50 crore. The advantages/benefits of Associate Membership of CERN are given in Annexure.